

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3023 - HB 2965

March 11, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that certain military records that are recorded with a county register of deeds are confidential for 75 years following the date they are recorded. Specifies certain persons who may inspect or obtain a copy of military discharge records free of charge. Provides that a court can order the release of information but shall limit the further disclosure of the information and purposes for which it may be used. Provides that a governmental body that obtains the information must limit its use and disclosure to the purpose for which it was obtained. Provides for the veteran or veteran's legal guardian to direct the register to destroy all copies of the record such as paper copies, microfilm or microfiche and electronic copies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time

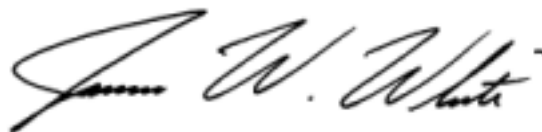
Estimate assumes:

- local governments will experience an increase in expenditures for costs associated with modifying computer systems for removal of records.
- removal of records from microfilm or microfiche would be technically difficult and costly. To the extent records could be removed from these mediums the rolls or sheets would have to be reproduced without the record.
- the increase in expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director